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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The prosecution has been reopened due to one of the previous references having a date not suitable for the prosecution of this application.

Claims 1-9 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mahar, U.S. patent 5,418,965.

As per claims 1 and 5, Mahar discloses a method/information system for verifying electronic data records including at least one of electronic shipping-voucher data and shipping data sent by a sender to an information system, comprising the steps of:

an interface (col.2, 42-61) for receiving the electronic data record by the information system (The system receives data. col.5, 50-62);

checking the data record by the information system for a presence of errors (The system checks for errors. col.13, 43-68; col.14, 1-36);

an interface (col.2, 42-61) routing the data record to a receiver if the data record is error-free (col. 15. 54-65; fig's. 4 & 5; The system routes and stores data from one database onto another.); and

storing the data record in a defined access area of the information system if the data record is faulty (There is a table for storing errors and there is also storage for more than one kind of error. col.13, 43-68; col.14, 1-36; fig.6), the data record stored in the defined access area being examinable by the sender and revisable (col.2, 1-25; The data can be examined).

As per claims 2, Mahar discloses adjusting information of the data record in accordance with ordering information stored in a database (col.15, 44-53).

As per claims 3, Mahar discloses wherein the checking step is performed for a plurality of at least one of plants and areas of plant operations of a system provider jointly at a single central location (There is a central processing CPU that undertakes various activities, including storing data on various databases. col.1, 38-65).

As per claims 4, Mahar discloses analyzing a number and a type of errors of faulty data records contained in the defined access area with respect to development over time; and displaying information in the defined access area in accordance with the analyzing step (col.13, 43-68; col.14, 1-36).

As per claims 6, Mahar discloses an interface to a database containing order information (col.2, 42-61).

As per claims 7, Mahar discloses wherein the data records contained in the defined access area are inspectable and revisable (col.2, 1-25; fig.6) by the sender (user) via the Internet (network) (col.7, 1-52).

As per claims 8, Mahar discloses wherein the faulty data records stored in the defined access area are inspectable by the receiver (user) (col.2, 1-25; fig.6).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Behrang Badii whose telephone number is 571-272-6879. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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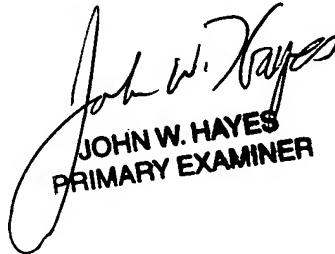
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